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Four-year-old Hayden Pich and his dad, Ian, go dip-netting along the Fort Whyte Alive's floating-marsh boardwalk as part of the centre's 2012 Earth Day Celebration. Dip-netting was one of several Earth Day activities that drew hundreds to Fort Whyte Alive on Sunday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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On the web

Meow, a super-sized orange and white tabby, can't help but waddle. Tipping the scale at nearly 40 pounds, the two-year-old cat has been given to a New Mexico shelter by his 87-year-old owner, who could no longer provide adequate care. Now, the shelter has vowed to whip the feline into shape. Scan the code for the story.

War on Music co-op loss 'devastating'

Albert Street fire. Collective will be sorely missed by patrons, but may relocate to a nearby storefront

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As the demolition of the stores along Albert Street gutted by a fire on Thursday got underway, several people with ties to War on Music came by for one last look.

"I'm devastated ... it really was like a community store," said Carol-Anne Steinhoff, as she leaned on her bicycle and watched the demolition of the worker co-operative.

"My friends work there, they put so much time and effort there, so I'm shocked and devastated for them."

Steinhoff, who works at the nearby Mondragon, said she often visited War on Music, in fact less than 24 hours before the fire took place, and called it more than just a store.

"It's all records and printed albums that you don't see anymore," she added. "What was in there was valuable."

Ryan Suche, a member of the black metal band Hoarfrost, said he volunteered at War on Music for all of 2011 and wanted to see what was left of the building before it was all rubble.

"I was driving down Main Street (Thursday) morning and to myself, 'It looks like the Albert is on fire," said Suche, referring to the Royal Albert Arms Hotel, which was right beside the burned out building that also housed Ken Hong Restaurant and 44 Albert St. It did not have a tenant at the time of the fire.

"Later I shot a few texts and found out it was War on Music.

"I'm very sad to see it go, but I'm sure Charlie and company will keep going with the momentum."

Charlie, who runs the collective and preferred not to have his last name published, was on the scene at the moment War on Music was torn down.

The construction crew was able to save the sign at the top of the main entrance and handed it over to Charlie.

"We very well might do another storefront (in the area)," Charlie said, adding that War on Music is also a record label and only about 40 per cent of the collective was run out of 42 Albert St.

The War On Music sign was saved by the demolition crew and given to Charlie, seen holding the sign.
BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Crews move in to take down the burned-out buildings.
BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Demolition of Albert St. buildings complete

It only took an hour to finish the takedown.

After a devastating fire that left local businesses and the city's oldest home in smoking ruins, demolition crews took down the burned out shells of War on Music, Ken Hong Restaurant and 44 Albert St, which was not leased.

The demolition was completed by 10 p.m. Thursday evening.

It was slated to begin at 6 p.m. but fire investigators required more time.

Just before 9 p.m., the two fire officials left the premises, with one carrying what looked to be electrical cables. Then the demolition crews moved in.

On Friday, Winnipeg Police said as a result of the investigation carried out by the Arson Task Force and the Office of the Fire Commissioner, investigators determined the fire started in the retail music store, the cause being an "accidental-electrical failure receptacle."

According to the City of Winnipeg, damages to the properties at 38, 42 and 44 Albert Street, as well as water damage to the basement of the Royal Albert Arms Hotel, is pegged at $630,000.

Like the War on Music sign, the 44 Albert St. red, yellow and green sign was given to Robert Collett, whose friend had rented the space for his Naked Guru store until December of 2011.

"It's a memento of the oldest building (in the Exchange District) for me," said Charlie, operator of War on Music, referring to the house at the back of the building, which experts said was built in 1877.

Collett would visit that space often, added Charlie.

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By the numbers

$630

Estimate of the thousands of dollars in damages the properties at 38, 42, and 44 Albert Street, as well as the basement of the Royal Albert Arms Hotel experienced.

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Viagra. RCMP seize fake drugs at the border

Mounties and border guards in Manitoba have seized a shipment of fake drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction.

Police say in a news release that Canada Border Services Agency officials found about 2,400 fake Viagra and Levitra pills in electric rice cookers being shipped into Canada from China.

RCMP Cpl. John Montgomery says the pills were in blister packs with batch numbers and expiry dates just like authentic pills, and contain varying amounts of the active ingredient — anywhere from zero to three or four times the active ingredient.

He says counterfeit drugs often contain fillers such as talcum powder, crushed wall board, other drugs or any other number of non-medicinal ingredients and are often colored with blue paint. No arrests have been made to this time.

Fake Viagra was confiscated at the U.S./Manitoba border.
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Hells Angels. Police searching for suspected gang members

Winnipeg police are looking for the public's help in tracking down four suspects wanted on arrest warrants stemming from Project Flatlined.

Police began the investigation into a specific cell within the Manitoba chapter of the Hells Angels and their street-level puppet club, the Redlined Support Crew, in May of last year.

As a result of Project Flatlined, 23 people have been arrested, but all efforts to find another four male suspects — all from Winnipeg — have been unsuccessful.

Adam Matthew Wood, 34, is wanted on five counts of trafficking cocaine, possession of proceeds of crime and other charges.

Shawn Justin Colbert, 30, is wanted on eight counts of trafficking cocaine, possession of proceeds of crime, conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, among other charges.

Jesse Richard Thomas, 27, and Jared James Irving, 26, are both wanted on a charge of participating or contributing to the activities of a criminal organization.

Anyone who has any information regarding the whereabouts of these suspects is asked to call police at 986-3411 or CrimeStoppers at 786-TIPS.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Charges

Between September 2011 and February 2012, police collected evidence to support charges of trafficking, possession of proceeds of crime, laundering proceeds of crime and participation in a criminal organization.

Victoria, 9, and Brooklyn, 7, can now play at the same community centre their mother also attended as a child. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

Renovated rec centre officially unveiled

Winakwa. Mayor Sam Katz and Premier Greg Selinger both attended the ribbon-cutting

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The Winakwa Community Centre has doubled in size after renovations that have taken 12 years to complete.

The new additions include a regulation-size gymnasium, four dressing rooms, a skate change area, a viewing area and a multi-purpose room.

"I'm so amazed that it's finally built and now our kids can use it," said Kim Dupasquier, who has been the basketball convener for 13 years.

Dupasquier grew up playing sports at Winakwa and is happy that now her two daughters, Victoria and Brooklyn, can use the same community centre as she did.

"It's great to be able to play in our home community," said Dupasquier.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Friday and was attended by Mayor Sam Katz, Premier Greg Selinger and MP Shelly Glover, who also grew up playing sports at Winakwa.

"(This renovation) means we can expand our programming. It means we can do something for every age group in the community and be able to help out where we can," Winakwa president Rob Gobeil told Metro.

Gobeil thanked all levels of government at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their combined contribution of more than $3.3 million in funding, as well as former NHL player Mike Ridley, who personally donated 10 cents for every hour he spent on the ice in Winakwa.

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Different kind of smoke takes over downtown

Weed day. 4/20 draws big crowd of around 2,500, some reports say

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Thousands of people crowded the front entrance of the Manitoba Legislature Friday for the 4/20 protest.

The annual event, celebrated on April 20, is a time when people openly smoke cannabis on the legislature grounds in support of the de-criminalization of marijuana — while police turn a blind eye.

"We realize this needs to be a secure and a very safe environment for people to attend or for people to demonstrate, so that is our main priority," said police spokesperson Const. Natalie Aitken, as police surrounded the site.

A young woman smokes a bong at the 4/20 protest. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

Aitken also noted they were expecting a bigger crowd due to the absence of classes for a number of schools in the area.

"Finally got it right, no one was showing up at school," said Grade 9 student Kennedy Reuthur, adding that she and a bunch others 'dipped' out of class last year to attend.

"It's beautiful out, perfect weather for weed day," said Reuthur's friend Jenna Ashley.

Reuthur and Ashley, both 16, said their parents knew they were at the protest.

One of their friends, who chose to not be named, said her parents would be very upset if they knew she was there.

Although the protest was quiet and mostly involved people sitting in circles and smoking up, there were a few people with placards who handed out information.

Joseph Fullmer was walking around with a double-sided sign and has been trying for years to make cannabis legal.

"It's de-criminalize it, tax it, regulate it: Clean, good marijuana for everybody," said Fullmer.

Police were expecting more than 1,000 people to show, but according to other reports, the crowd looked like it numbered around 2,500.

Man dead after fatal bus crash

A car was rendered virtually unrecognizable after a Chevy Cavalier slammed into a Winnipeg Transit bus on St. Anne's Road near Worthington Avenue Saturday at about 8:40 p.m. The male driver of the car was taken to hospital in critical condition where he later died. There was no immediate word if speed or alcohol played a factor in the driver's death. There were no other injuries. Police continue to investigate. HOWARD WONG/METRO

Eco-responsibility

RRC keeps the green alive

For the second straight year Red River College (RRC) has been recognized as one of Canada's 50 Greenest Employers.

Organized by the editors of the Canada's Top 100 Top Employers project, the designation recognizes employers that create a culture of environmental awareness in their organizations.

"Corporate social responsibility is an important concept at Red River College," said Stephanie Forsyth, president of RRC. "We've committed ourselves to minimizing the environmental impact of our operations, incorporating sustainability into our research and academic programming, and engaging staff and students in more eco-conscious behaviour."

The college joins Manitoba Hydro as the only two Manitoba organizations named to this year's Greenest Employer list and is one of only six post-secondary institutions to earn the honour across Canada.

Recent RRC environmental initiatives include retrofitting water fountains into bottle fill stations, composting more than 300 pounds of organics daily at an on-site composting facility, and running grounds equipment with biodiesel made on-site from used cooking oil. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

No surprise. President Obama poised to win Democratic nomination

It's official: President Barack Obama will clinch the Democratic nomination for president Tuesday, ending a low-key primary race that many probably didn't realize was happening.

Obama is certain to reach the 2,778 delegates he needs to secure his party nod for a second time when five states vote on Tuesday.

He has won almost every delegate so far, with a few exceptions in some Southern states that won't vote Democratic in the fall anyway.

But don't expect a big party, or any party. Campaign officials say they are focused on the general election, as they have been for months, and the all-but-certain Republican nominee, Mitt Romney.

All this is a stark difference from four years ago.

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against Hillary Clinton. The fight for the nomination didn't end until June, on the last day of the primary calendar; Obama inched across the finish line.

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Barack Obama will clinch party's nomination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic primary

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

- This year, Obama's march to the nomination has generated little interest because he has no major primary challenger, no one who made the ballot in more than a handful of states.

Socialist leading Sarkozy, two to compete in runoff

French elections. Socialist Francois Hollande takes on current right-leaning president Nicolas Sarkozy for the leadership of France

Supporters of socialist Francois Hollande react after the results of the first round of voting in France's presidential election. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Francois Hollande, a mild-mannered French Socialist who wants to take better care of the jobless and the poor, is heading to a presidential runoff election against tough-on-immigration Nicolas Sarkozy.

It's a vote that could alter Europe's political and economic landscape.

Hollande heads into the May 6 second round with the upper hand after narrowly edging the conservative Sarkozy in the first round of France's voting Sunday, according to near-complete official results.

In the campaign's biggest surprise, nearly one in five voters chose far right candidate Marine Le Pen instead, handing her a solid third place and a chance to weigh in on French politics with her anti-immigration platform that targets France's millions of Muslims.

With 93 per cent of the vote counted, Hollande had 28.4 per cent of the ballots cast and Sarkozy 27 per cent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry.

Le Pen was in third with 18.3 per cent of the vote.

Sarkozy said he wants to hold three debates before the runoff.

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Win or lose, PC leader will make Alberta history

Vote. Today, Albertans will determine the fate of their government and the four-decade-long PC legacy

One way or another, Alison Redford makes history on Monday night.

Win the Alberta election and she is the first elected female premier in the province, heading up a party that has run things for four decades and will soon shatter the record for longest-serving government in Canadian history.

Lose and she's Harry Strom, the forgotten scapegoated premier of the Alberta Social Credit government when it fell to the Tories in 1971.

Redford, speaking at a weekend party rally, said she is pushing ahead and doesn't feel the weight of history.

"I'm pretty excited about Monday," she said. "This is a campaign about Alberta's future.

Redford's Progressive Conservatives have been in unfamiliar territory since the election campaign began a month ago, running behind another party on the right side of the political spectrum.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, have fashioned an electable alternative by capitalizing on discontent over deficit budgets, long health-care wait times, onerous land-use rules, and perceived political greed on salary and perks. Some polls have had them ahead by more than 15 points, though that lead appears to have slipped somewhat in recent days.

If the Wildrose wins, it will defeat a colossus whose history can only be told in large numbers and superlatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breaking record

The PCs have held power in Alberta for 14,847 days — 40 years and almost eight months.

- **Should they win a 12th** consecutive majority government, they will be on track to make history.
- **When the next election** rolls around, they will have been in power close to 45 years.

Alberta PC Leader Alison Redford gets back in her vehicle after making a campaign stop in Calgary on Saturday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rookie MP's story proves the power of time

NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau listens to a citizen speak about concerns over float-plane noise in her riding. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spend a day with rookie NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau and witness the degree to which someone's life can change in 12 months.

It was a year ago this week that Brosseau was making regular phone calls home from Las Vegas, where she was celebrating her 27th birthday under the bright lights of Sin City. Those calls brought news that turned her life upside down.

"Of course being a mom, I called home all the time and spoke to my son and my family," said Brosseau. "They were kind of like: 'There's, um, stuff going on here, you're kind of in the news a bit for going on your trip.'"

Brosseau, then a campus-bar manager in Ottawa, was hit with a stunner. Her name and photo were splashed all over the national news during Canada's ongoing federal election campaign, during which she emerged as a poster child for the NDP's improbable Quebec surge.

Little did she know that roughly one year later, she would be spending a busy day in a rural Quebec riding— a place to which she had no personal connection — discussing pyrite, float planes, federal summer jobs and an art exhibition with local constituents.

Entering that campaign a year ago, even the term "underdog" would have been charitable to describe Brosseau and a few dozen other Quebec NDP candidates. She hadn't knocked on doors, hadn't spent a dime on her campaign, spoke little French and had never even set foot in the riding she was vying for.

But a so-called "orange wave" rolled in around the same time Brosseau was on that late-April trip. A few days later, that wave swept her to victory in the Berthier-Maskinonge riding, in what was perhaps the biggest upset of the election.

She appears to have grown into her new job and given the French lessons she's been taking, original claims about her lack of proficiency in the language now appear exaggerated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demonstrators arrested

Police shut down Montreal protest

Police moved swiftly to shut down a protest in Montreal on Saturday, a day after a series of violent clashes between demonstrators and officers in riot gear created havoc in the downtown core.

Eighty-nine people, some wearing masks and goggles, were arrested after Saturday's protest was declared illegal, said Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacoursiere.

Demonstrators had gathered in the rain near Old Montreal to denounce a conference on Premier Jean Charest's plan to develop northern Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Animal cruelty

Charge laid in B.C. sled-dogs case

A criminal charge has been laid in an animal cruelty case that focused international attention on the practices of the sled-dog industry after the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Robert Fawcett, a former general manager with Howling Dog Tours, based in Whistler, B.C., faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to dozens of sled dogs in April 2010.

A sled dog rests at a kennel operated by Whistler Outdoor Adventures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fifty-six dogs were dug up in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

A Bob Fawcett also posted details on a PTSD website, describing how panicked animals were shot or had their throats slit before being dumped into the grave.

The charges come after a gruesome search and investigation by the RCMP and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dutch train collision.
Woman dies of injuries after crash; 16 in hospital

A 68-year-old woman died Sunday of injuries a day after two trains collided head-on in Amsterdam — a crash a top rail official described as one of the worst train disasters in the Netherlands' recent history.

Scores of people were injured when the two trains slammed into one another. Amsterdam Mayor Eberhard van der Laan said 16 people who were seriously injured in the crash remained hospitalized Sunday afternoon. He gave no details of the injuries.

The crash Saturday evening involved a double-decker intercity train and a commuter train.

"Two trains colliding on the same track is a nightmare," said Bert Meerstadt, director of national railroad operator NS, before news of the woman's death.

Meerstadt declined to speculate on what caused the collision. He said crash investigators would study black box recorders on both trains.

The accident happened near a popular park on a busy stretch of track close to Amsterdam's Central Station where trains generally do not travel at full speed. Two separate investigations will focus on whether human error or a mechanical problem led to the collision.

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Deadly crash

Pakistan orders inspections for private airlines

Pakistan's defence minister says all airplanes operated by private airlines in the country must undergo a new technical inspection.

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar's comments Sunday come two days after a passenger jet crashed as it tried to land in a thunderstorm at the main airport in the capital, Islamabad, killing all 127 on board.

It was the second major air disaster involving a private airline in Pakistan in less than two years.

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Myanmar's elected lawmakers refuse seats over dispute

Protest. Democracy party boycotts opening session of parliament over constitutional oath that enshrines military power

Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi leaves her National League for Democracy party headquarters after a meeting last Friday in Yangon, Myanmar. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi and the rest of her party's newly elected lawmakers will not attend Monday's opening session of parliament because they object to wording in their oath of office which says they must "safeguard" the constitution, party officials said Sunday.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party wants to see the constitution changed because it enshrines military power and came into force in 2008 during an era of iron-fisted army rule.

The absence from parliament of Suu Kyi and 42 other elected lawmakers who won historic April 1 byelections was expected. The party had already said it would not attend the assembly session until the issue is resolved.

Suu Kyi's party wants phrasing in the lawmakers' oath changed from "safeguard the constitution" to "respect the constitution."

Party officials have played down the problem, saying they still expect the lawmakers to attend the assembly, possibly this week or next. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uneasy democracy

Fighting military influence

The oath is in an appendix to the constitution, and it is unclear whether it can be changed without the approval of 75 per cent of parliament.

The constitution automatically allocates 25 per cent of the parliamentary seats to unelected representatives of the military, and Suu Kyi's party maintains that is undemocratic.

The document also bars people from the nation's presidency if they or any of their relatives are foreign citizens. That effectively prevents Suu Kyi from ascending to the presidency because she married a British national, Michael Aris, who died in 1999. Their two children were born abroad and do not live in Myanmar.

The byelection's outcome, in which the opposition won almost all of the 45 seats up for grabs, was considered a major step toward reconciliation after decades of military rule in Myanmar.

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Brothers charged.
Baltimore attacks may have been racially-motivated

Two brothers accused of beating a black teenager while patrolling an Orthodox Jewish neighbourhood are set to go on trial Monday in a case with similarities to the shooting of a black teenager in Florida that has drawn national attention.

The brothers, who are white and Jewish, have claimed self-defence, saying the teen was holding a nail-studded board.

Local civil rights activists hope the Florida case will draw more attention to what they believe was racial profiling by neighbourhood watch vigilantes.

Eliyahu and Avi Werdesheim are accused of beating a 15-year-old boy who was walking through a Baltimore neighbourhood in November 2010.

The brothers pulled up next to the teen in a vehicle, then got out and "surrounded him," according to charging documents.

The passenger threw the teen to the ground and the driver hit him in the head with a hand-held radio and patted him down.

The teen remembered the driver yelling, "You wanna (mess) with us, you don't belong around here, get outta here!" according to court documents, which do not identify which brother was driving.

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The case

The brothers are charged with second-degree assault, false imprisonment and carrying a deadly weapon (the hand-held radio).

- **Potential sentence.** The pair face up to 13 years in prison if convicted on all three counts.
- **Demographics.** The city is 63 per cent black and the jury will likely have eight or nine black members, so race will be a factor, said Byron Warnken, a University of Baltimore law professor and practicing attorney.

Celebrating the birth of Rome

Men dressed as ancient Roman soldiers parade along the Fori Imperiali avenue in front of the ancient Colosseum, on the occasion of the celebrations of the birth of the city of Rome on Sunday. Known as the Christmas of Rome, each year Romans celebrate the pagan festivity, which has become a major tourist attraction, by dressing up in ancient Roman clothes and parading through the streets surrounding the Eternal City's ancient ruins. PHOTO COURTESY ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prostitution

More firings in Secret Service scandal?

The chairman of a House committee investigating an alleged Secret Service prostitution scandal predicted more firings as key lawmakers and President Barack Obama's top re-election adviser expressed confidence Sunday that the agency will effectively deal with the incident. So far, six agents have lost their jobs.

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Political crisis

Aussie Speaker steps down

Australia's parliamentary speaker temporarily stepped down Sunday amid allegations of sexual harassment and fraud, touching off a political crisis that threatens Prime Minister Julia Gillard's tenuous grip on power.

House of Representatives Speaker Peter Slipper announced Sunday that he will be temporarily replaced by his deputy, Anna Burke.

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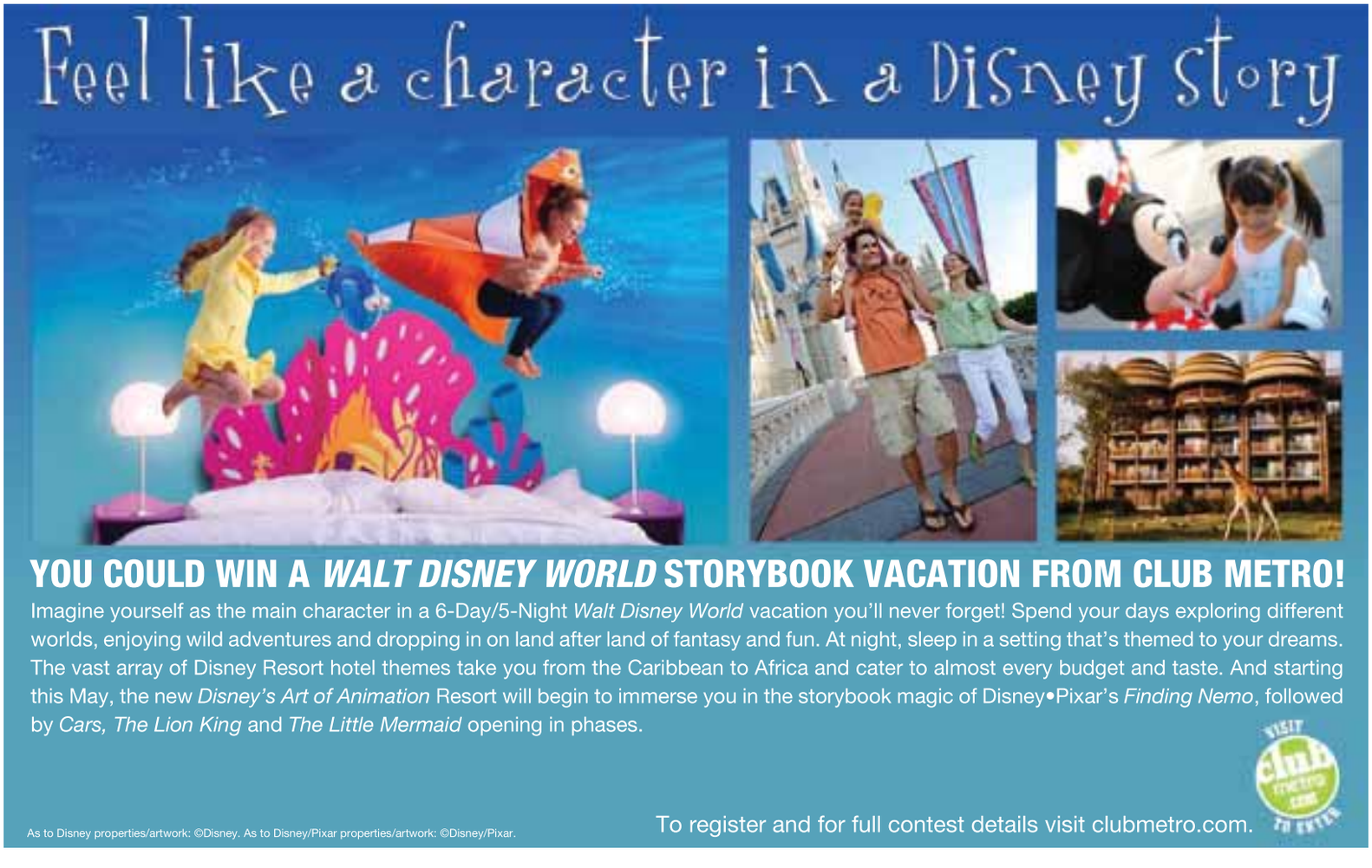
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Murdoch to testify about political influence in U.K.

Phone-hacking scandal. Media mogul's testimony could discomfit ruling class

Rupert Murdoch's appearance before Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry this week is expected to focus on the network of personal and professional ties that have bound his newspaper and television operations to some of the most senior politicians in the United Kingdom.

Those ties have frequently come under criticism, with many observers saying British politicians were scared of crossing Murdoch because of his company's domination of the British media landscape.

Under fire

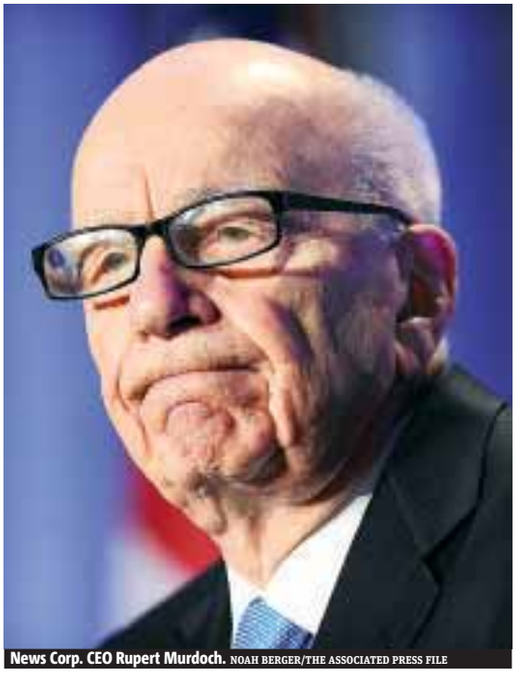
"I don't think he thinks that he has very much to lose."

Steve Fielding, Center for British Politics at the University Nottingham

But those intimate ties have frayed and snapped since revelations last year that journalists at Murdoch's News of the World tabloid routinely intercepted voice-mail messages of those in the public eye. The scandal quickly spread beyond the News of the World to cover an array of other questionable activities by British journalists, as well as police and public officials.

Coulson — a former Murdoch lieutenant drafted as Prime Minister David Cameron's chief media aid — and Murdoch protege Rebekah Brooks both resigned before being arrested as two of the scandal's leading suspects, and Murdoch and his media executive son James have swapped discreet visits to No. 10 Downing Street with confrontational appearances before skeptical lawmakers in Parliament.

Once eager to secure Rupert Murdoch's blessing, Cameron has since ordered the official inquiry, which is calling Murdoch and his son in for at least two full days of testimony starting Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Report. Wal-Mart silent on Mexico bribe scandal

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. hushed up a vast bribery campaign that top executives of its Mexican subsidiary carried out to build stores across that country, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported Saturday that Wal-Mart failed to notify law-enforcement officials even after its own investigators found evidence of millions of dollars in bribes. The newspaper said the company shut down its internal probe despite a report by its lead investigator that Mexican and U.S. laws likely were violated.

The bribery campaign was reported to have first come to the attention of senior executives at Wal-Mart in 2005, when a former executive of its largest foreign subsidiary, Wal-Mart de Mexico, provided extensive details of a bribery campaign it had orchestrated to win market dominance.

The Mexican executive, previously the lawyer in charge of obtaining construction permits, said in emails and follow-up conversations that Wal-Mart de Mexico paid bribes to obtain permits throughout the country in its rush to build stores nationwide, the Times reported.

The newspaper said that only after learning of its investigation did Wal-Mart inform the U.S. Justice Department in December 2011 that it had begun an internal investigation into possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Under that law, it is illegal for U.S. corporations and their subsidiaries to bribe foreign officials. Wal-Mart, which is based in Bentonville, Ark., said Saturday that it takes compliance with that law very seriously. It also noted that many of the "alleged activities" in the Times article occurred more than six years ago.

"If these allegations are true, it is not a reflection of who we are or what we stand for," spokesman David Tovar said. "We are deeply concerned by these allegations and are working aggressively to determine what happened." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Growth

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Wal-Mart's growth in Mexico has been so rapid that one of every five Wal-Mart stores now is in that country. It is Mexico's largest private employer, with 209,000 employees there.

Google Street View features Israel

After months of consultations with Israeli security officials, Google has launched its popular Street View service in the country's three largest cities.

The new Street View provides images of ordinary life, contested areas and religious sites in the Holy Land. Due to security issues, areas around several sensitive sites, such as the military headquarters in Tel Aviv and the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem, are blurred out.

Google Street View is available in more than 30 countries. It was held up in Israel by concerns that images of its streets could be used by terrorists. The Islamic Jihad militant group in Gaza, for instance, has boasted that it used Google Earth, which gives bird's-eye views and some street-level pictures of sites around the world, to aim rockets at Israel.

A Google Street View camera mounted on a tricycle. VINCE TALOTTA/TORONTO STAR

Google

Israel is the first Middle Eastern nation to display its cities and streets online.

- **Pictures online Sunday showed typical street scenes — and the crowded cobblestone Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus is said to have walked before his crucifixion in Jerusalem's Old City.**

Last August, after a panel of government ministers met for six months to draft security guidelines, Israel announced it had reached an agreement with Google. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

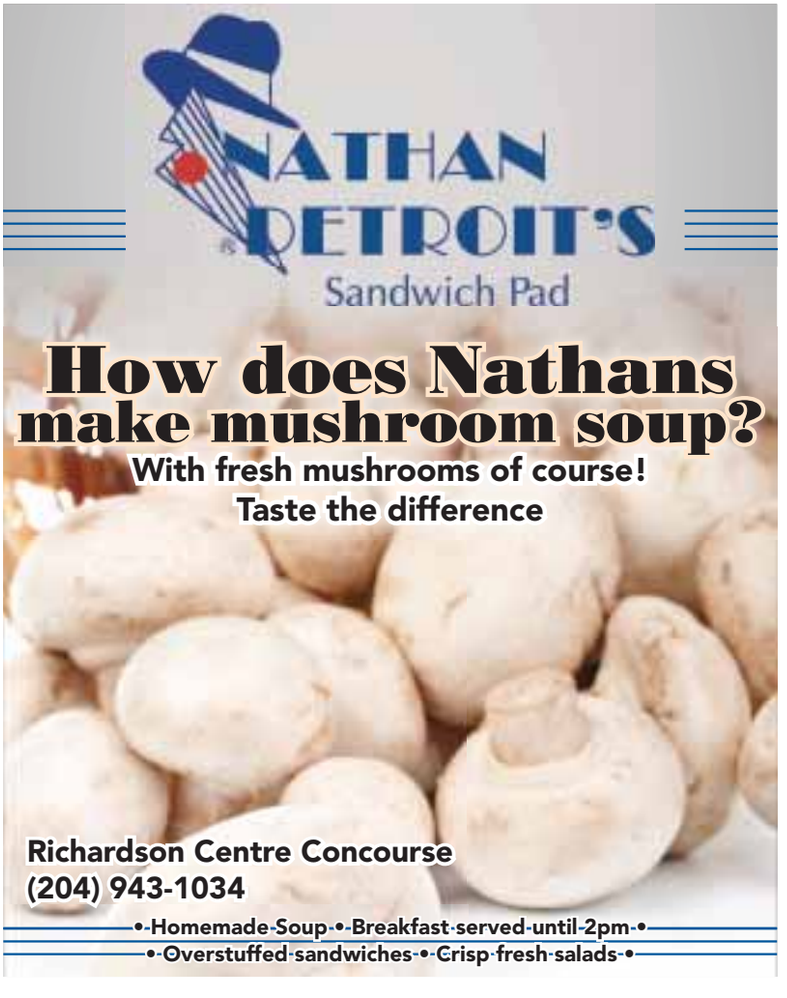
'Economic war'

Swiss in the throes of tax disputes: UBS

Switzerland's tax disputes with the United States and some European nations are "an economic war" putting 20,000 jobs at risk, the CEO of Swiss banking giant UBS AG has been quoted as saying.

Switzerland has recently tried to shed its image as a tax haven, signing deals with the United States, Germany and Britain to provide greater assistance to foreign tax authorities seeking information on their citizens' accounts in the Alpine nation. But the tax agreements have drawn fire from Switzerland's nationalist People's Party, with some lawmakers saying they will try to block the treaties through referendums.

Sergio Ermotti, who was appointed CEO of Switzerland's largest bank in November in the wake of a trading scandal, says Switzerland now is "stuck in the middle of economic warfare" and its opponents' goal is to weaken UBS and the next biggest bank, Credit Suisse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NOW HOW ABOUT THE SCHOOL BOARDS?

URBAN COMPASS
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It's merger madness on Broadway. Eleven regional health authorities are being combined into five new ones. Manitoba Lotteries and the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission are being blended into one super Sin and Misery Corporation (note: possibly not the official name). And the number of government-appointed boards and commissions is going to be trimmed by 20 per cent.

Faced with a large deficit, the provincial government has apparently seen the wisdom of reducing the size of its operation (well, parts of it anyway) as it attempts to find a way back to balanced budgets.

But if it's looking for efficiencies, then I have to wonder why the province hasn't gone after the biggest source of bureaucratic bloat in all of Manitoba: our absurd number of school divisions.

The waste is most obvious here in Winnipeg, where six different divisions look after running public schools.

Teaching the schools

But if it's looking for efficiencies, then I have to wonder why the province hasn't gone after the biggest source of bureaucratic bloat in all of Manitoba: our absurd number of school divisions.

This year, those divisions are spending more than $30 million on administration. That's not money going toward teachers, support workers, textbooks, computers or field trips. It's not helping pay for school buses or building maintenance. It's not even covering school-based administrators, like principals and vice-principals.

No, that's $30 million going to pay for the operation of six different divisional offices, including six superintendents, six secretary treasurers, and nearly two dozen deputy superintendents.

It's going to pay for six departments of information technology, purchasing, human resources and communications, even though every school division provides basically the same service within the region.

And it's also going to pay for the operation of six separate school boards with 52 school trustees among them. That's more than three times the number of city councillors we have overseeing the same city.

To put this into some perspective, Calgary has one school board with seven trustees, Edmonton has one board with nine trustees, Ottawa has one board with 12 trustees, and even Toronto has just one board with 22 trustees. How can it possibly be six times more complicated to run schools in Winnipeg than in Toronto?

There's clearly too much money being spent in the boardroom instead of in the classroom.

Will merging school divisions get the province out of a deficit? No, not on its own. But if it makes sense to merge health authorities to save $10 million on a $5-billion health care budget, then surely saving millions on school administration is a goal worth pursuing as well.

Weird news

Home of 'world's rudest waiter' may still be serving

A San Francisco Chinese restaurant once known for having "the world's rudest waiter" may not be closing for good after all.

The owners of Sam Wo restaurant are scheduled to plead their case to the city's public health department at a hearing Tuesday.

Owner David Ho's daughter, Julie, told the San Francisco Chronicle that the restaurant will be closed over the weekend, but nothing is definite beyond that.

Health officials had demanded changes after finding violations including rodent activity, but the owners had said the 100-year-old eatery in Chinatown was just too old.

They had planned to serve their last meals early Saturday.

The restaurant was famous for the late Edsel Ford Fung, dubbed "the world's rudest waiter." Fung was known for insulting customers and slamming dishes on tables.

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Warm-up to the podium

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On your mark

Kenya rocks London marathon

A general view as runners go past the Cutty Sark during the Virgin London Marathon Sunday in London, England.

Kenyan marathon runners showed their superiority ahead of the Olympics, with Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany coasting to victory in London on Sunday, virtually assuring that they will be selected for the Games.

The winners were presented with their medals by Prince Harry, who indicated that security logistics are thwarting his attempts to enter the marathon.

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Get set

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Wilson Kipsang, the second-fastest marathon runner ever, won the 42.2-kilometre race for the first time, more than two minutes ahead of fellow Kenyan Martin Lel. Kipsang had stormed ahead of the pack with around 10 kilometres to go in the British capital before winning in two hours, four minutes, 44 seconds.

Go!

- **World record-holder Patrick Makau dropped out less than halfway through.**
- **Mary Keitany pulled away from world champion Edna Kiplagat with around five kilometres to go before winning by one minute, 13 seconds. Priscah Jeptoo was third.**
- **In a sprint finish in front of Buckingham Palace on the Mall, Martin Lel edged Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia for second place.**

Finish line

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"What's fantastic is that my brother and his wife will be doing it next year, I think."

Prince Harry quipped that his brother, Prince William and wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge want to compete next year.

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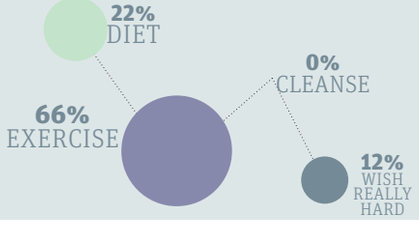

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Luke Evans plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack in The Raven. HANDOUT

A rookie actor, nevermore

Learning process. Despite his roles in big films, Evans says he learned plenty from working with John Cusack on The Raven

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Luke Evans hasn't been home in a while. The last two years have seen a marked increase in film work for the Welsh actor, taking him around the world to make films like The Three Musketeers, Immortals and this month's The Raven, in which he plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack's Edgar Allen Poe. Evans checked in by phone from New Zealand, where he's been living for nearly a year while making The Hobbit — and where he says he'll be until at least July. After that? Who knows?

How much of an Edgar Allen Poe fan were you before going into this project?
I was very aware of who he was and how much of an impact he made on American literature, but I hadn't read a huge amount of his work. I knew about The Raven. The Pit and the Pendulum was the one I knew as well.

What did you think of the project when you were initially approached?
I thought it was great. I thought it was a very clever way of using Poe's work and brilliant stories and making it into a fictional detective movie and showing his stories in a very clever sort of fictional backdrop. I'd always wanted to work with John Cusack, too, so the fact that he's playing Poe was a really exciting idea for me.

What are some your favourites of Cusack's films?
Well, I love The Grifters, I love High Fidelity. They're two I really, really enjoyed. But almost all of John's work that I've watched, I've enjoyed. He's a great man to watch when he's doing his thing. He's been doing it for such a long time, you know? You can learn an awful lot, as an actor like myself, watching John do his thing.

Well, you've got a fair amount under your own belt now as well.
Yeah! Yeah, I have. It's just been very, very fast (laughs). And movies, film work — I'm still learning as I'm going along, and I'm sure I will learn for a very long time. But it is quite great when you get to work with people who've done movies for a long time because you just how watch how they play with the camera and like that, all the subtleties. I just keep watching, keep learning. But yeah, I've been acting for 12 or 13 years now. A lot of it's been in the theatre, but I try to channel what I learned there and use it in film. It's all acting at the end of the day, isn't it?

How was the experience on location for the Raven?
We started in Budapest in Hungary, and then we moved across the border to Serbia to Belgrade and also to a northern town called Novi Sad, which has a castle on the mound, and underneath the castle there's a huge bunch of tunnel networks, which is what we used in the film when... I won't give it away, but there are tunnels in the film that get used to chase... someone (laughs).

Did you feel isolated out there?
It's another difference, yeah. But Budapest is a great city, a really great city. We did a lot of night shoots in Hungary, and in the wintertime it can be cold and very windy, with a bit of snow. And it got worse because we jumped into former Yugoslavia. Serbia can get very cold. But the people are great. It's a great way to see the world. This is such a joy to me, to get a job and then go to places I would probably never have visited, and now I have. They're great, I'd go back there tomorrow.

Speaking of great locations, you're in New Zealand now. How is filming on The Hobbit going?
Filming is going very well, yeah. We're solid, solid working now. There's a lot to be done.

How have you found life in New Zealand?
I know, it's great, right? I've been here almost 10 months now, and it's such a beautiful place. Again, the people are what make New Zealand so great. They're a fantastic race of people, and they make a great team on set.

The Sweet Revenge of Simon Cowell

Tell-all book. British biographer shares some intimate details of Cowell's life in new unauthorized bio

He gets colonic irrigations, Botox injections and vitamin drips, and insists on black toilet paper in his home.

A revealing new biography offers intimate — maybe too intimate — details about Simon Cowell, along with a portrait of the entertainment mogul's savvy business side.

Sweet Revenge: The Intimate Life of Simon Cowell is written by British journalist and biographer Tom Bower, whose previous subjects include former British prime minister Gordon Brown, jailed media mogul Conrad Black and ex-Harrods owner Mohammad al-Fayed.

His latest portrait of power centres on the tanned and brush-cut Cowell, 52, who has gained fame in both Britain and North America as producer and an acerbic judge on TV talent shows including The X Factor and America's Got Talent.

Bower says he became fascinated by the story of a middle-aged music producer who struck gold by turning the old-fashioned talent contest into a slick 21st-century phenomenon — and in the process earned a fortune estimated at $320 million US. The book paints a picture of a man who struggled for years in the music business, spurred to success out of a desire to prove his detractors wrong.

Quoted

"He had 20 years — more than 20 years — of humiliation"

Biographer Tom Bower on Simon Cowell's road to success.

"He had 20 years — more than 20 years — of humiliation," Bower said. "At school he was a total failure and as a music producer he was a total failure.

"But what he did have was charm and an ability to understand the music business because of all this failure."

Sweet Revenge, published in the U.S. by Ballantine Books on Tuesday, is billed as the first book about Cowell written with the mogul's participation — though not his authorization. Bower spent many hours with Cowell aboard his private jet, at his Los Angeles home and on his yacht in the south of France and the Caribbean.

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Simon Cowell GETTY IMAGES

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Box office

Hunger Games knocked from No. 1

The date-night movies Think Like a Man and The Lucky One have finally knocked The Hunger Games off its No. 1 box-office perch. According to studio estimates Sunday, Think Like a Man, based on Steve Harvey's dating-advice bestseller, debuted as the top weekend draw with $33 million. The Sony Screen Gems ensemble movie features Michael Ealy, Taraji P. Henson and Gabrielle Union. The Warner Bros. drama The Lucky One, starring Zac Efron in an adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' romance novel, opened at No. 2 with $22.8 million. Lionsgate's blockbuster The Hunger Games took in $14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1. The film raised its domestic total to $356.9 million. Disney's nature documentary Chimpanzee opened at No. 4 with $10.2 million.

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On the web

Chaz Bono, Josh Hutcherson honoured at GLAAD Media Awards in Los Angeles

Rufus Wainwright gets a little ‘pop’ with the help of Mark Ronson

New album. Singer-songwriter enlists the help of hitmaker Ronson in a bid for the mainstream ear

Rufus Wainwright is touting the release of what he calls his most pop-leaning album yet, but the eclectic singer-songwriter is far from quitting his ambitious foray into the classical world.

The 38-year-old crooner says he’s set to pen another opera, but the details are staying under wraps, for now.

“I’ve been commissioned to write another one, there’ll be announcements about that at some point,” Wainwright says cryptically during a round of recent media interviews in Toronto.

“I don’t think you can kind of step into that arena and just step right out again. I think that would be very, very cowardly.”

In the meantime, Wainwright returns to the pop sphere this week with his brightly melodic album, Out of the Game, an unabashedly mainstream bid shepherded by hit-making uber-producer Mark Ronson.

The 12-song disc is infused with a ’70s flourish and Wainwright’s trademark honey-toned vocals, which weave around evocative vignettes of life with boyfriend Jorn Weisbrodt (Song of You), new baby girl Viva (Montauk) and mourn the loss of his recently deceased mother, singer Kate McGarrigle (Candles).

Musically, the typically bittersweet Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercially bent collection, describing Out of the Game as “something that you can put on at a party and people won’t leave the room.”

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Wainwright says he strove to create a more commercial collection on his new album. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sound

Making music a little bit brighter

Rufus Wainwright’s newest album is a bit escapist. “Right before this album came out I had written an opera and done a solo piano voice tour, buried my mom, had a baby, you know, so I was really entrenched in these huge adult issues,” he notes.

“For this album I really just wanted to have a good time and kind of rock out and be silly for a little while,” he adds. “And though the record still has that custom-Rufus romantic sadness, I think it’s a little more upbeat and brighter than my past work.”

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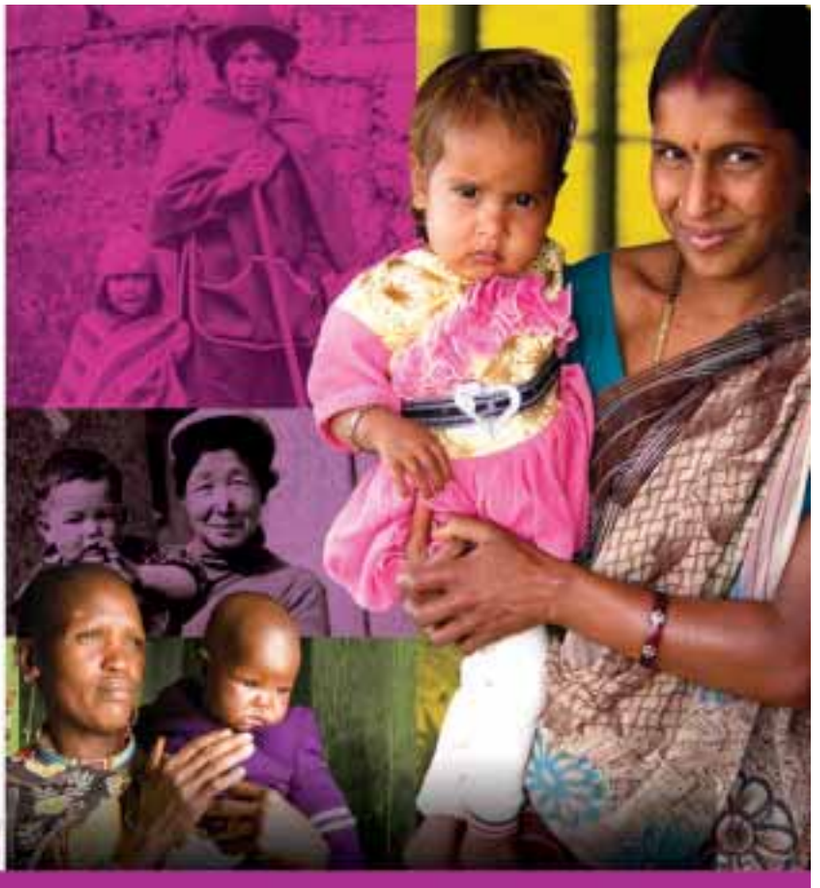

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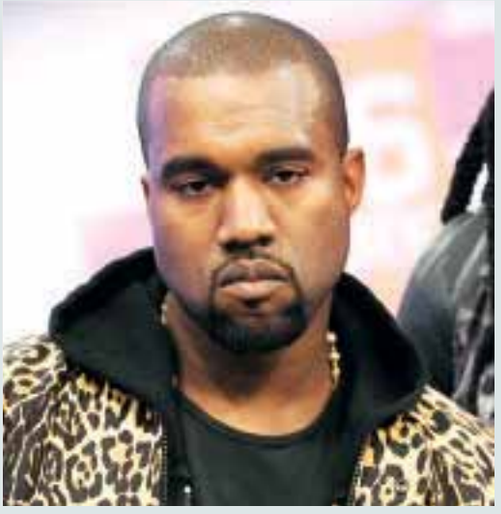

Oh, hey! Look who it is: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, just out for a stroll in one of the most crowded cities in the world, in broad daylight, on a Saturday afternoon, in front of a barrage of photographers.

They are doing a great job of keeping this totally legit burgeoning relationship on the down-low, am I right?

According to US Weekly, the two spotlight-lovers browsed the racks at the Chelsea shop Balenciaga and then stopped for an ice cream cone at the Van Leeuwen ice cream truck.

It's getting so "serious" (a.k.a. completely generated for publicity) that West had dinner with Kim, her mother Kris Jenner, sister Khloe and brother-in-law Lamar Odom at the Spice Market restaurant in the city's Meatpacking District, according to RadarOnline.

Expect to see this entire weekend on the E! network soon as Kim's Fairytale Dinner: A Kardashian Event.

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Was Lohan lying about whereabouts?

When a woman recently accused Lindsay Lohan of assaulting her at a nightclub, Lohan's response was simple: She couldn't have, since she was at home watching TV at the time.

But new developments suggest she might not be telling the truth there, according to RadarOnline.

"Investigators obtained the surveillance video from the Smoke & Mirrors nightclub at The Standard Hotel and it clearly shows that Lindsay was there on the night of the alleged assault," a source says.

"The investigation is still ongoing and follow-up investigators want to interview Lindsay about the incident, but she hasn't been interviewed yet, nor is she under any obligation to do so."

Wedding bells in Italy for Biel and Timberlake?

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel just finished a whirlwind five-day trip to Italy, prompting speculation about the location of their upcoming wedding, according to Us Weekly. After hitting up Rome, Naples and Capri, the happy couple reportedly paid a visit to the southern town of Bernalda — and more specifically the wedding venue Palazzo Margherita, where Sofia Coppola tied the knot last year.

Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

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Breakfast

Sunny outlook for outlets catering to millennial market

More Canadians eat breakfast on the run and it's the 20-something group that's driving the trend, says a market researcher group. A study by the NPD Group shows growth among quick-service restaurants for the morning meal. NPD predicts that segment of the market will grow 10 per cent by 2016.

The study, A Look into the Future of Foodservice, finds that nine per cent of the population prefers to pick up its morning meal at outlets, and this has led to a 14 per cent increase in breakfast sales in the past year.

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On the web

Doggy Wars? Campaigns spar about canines, but dog owners not biting much

Mommy blog reasonsmommydrinks.com uses a comedic approach to discuss the issues faced by new mothers. ISTOCK

What drives mommy to reach for a drink?

Blog. After having babies four months apart, two life-long friends teamed up to offer an unfiltered look at being new moms

DELIA MACPHERSON
For Metro News

Two bloggers with new babies have put a comedic spin on some real issues women are facing when it comes to motherhood.

Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, friends for 20 years, are the co-authors of reasonsmommydrinks.com, an honest and unfiltered blog about what it's really like to be a new mom.

"Being on maternity leave is the hardest job in the world," says Evans. "If I had to do mat-leave by myself, I think I would have gone nuts."

The two friends both had baby boys, four months apart.

"In my group of friends, there was a group of 2011 babies," says Evans. "I was really lucky. Women love to help each other out."

After attending high school, Queens University and then training at the Second City conservatory comedy program together, it only makes sense Evans and Stevenson would team up for this blog.

Both are unafraid to make racy quips and expose a more realistic image of being a mom.

The writers take personal experiences and stories from mom groups to create a witty list of more than 50 "reasons why mommy drinks."

"It's very cathartic," says Evans. "At the time, it's the worst moment of the day, but it becomes funny."

The blog's name is somewhat controversial, but Evans sees it as a comedic device, playing on the expression "I need a drink!"

"We wanted to have a good hook. It's all written tongue-in-cheek.

"The blog is really about how much we love them [kids]. We're trying to be perfect for them."

Reason #38 : The Babysitter

"Mommy can't believe she's going to pay a teenager $40 to sit in her living room for three hours (texting her boyfriend and eating Mommy's cappuccino frozen yogurt directly from the tub) while you lie sleeping in your crib upstairs the entire time. But Mommy and Daddy figured that to avoid becoming a statistic, they should spend the occasional Saturday night doing something other than eating take-out Thai food in front of Grey's Anatomy, only to doze off before the latest iteration of "doctor rips off nurse's clothes in the medical supply room." Dressed in her standby LBD and rocking her volumizing mascara, Mommy's feeling pretty hot, until the sitter with Angelina legs sprouting from a skirt the size of a Bella Band greets her..."
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Bloggers Fiona Stevenson, left, and Lyranda Martin Evans. CONTRIBUTED

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- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Apple and Jalapeno Glaze

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) apple jelly
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 1/2 apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

1. In a small bowl, mix together Dijon and Creole mustards, honey and vinegar. Spread mustard mixture over top of fillets and arrange potato slices over mustard, pushing down gently so potato sticks.

2. In a non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully place fillets potato-side down in skillet and pan-fry for 5 minutes.

3. Remove fillets and place on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for about 12 minutes, until potatoes are golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

4. **Apple and Jalapeno Glaze:** Meanwhile, in a small saucepan combine apple jelly, water, apple and jalapeno and simmer on low heat for about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

5. Remove catfish from oven. Place on serving plates and drizzle with glaze.

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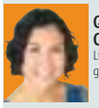
Queen of Green

Filtering out the problems



QUEEN OF GREEN
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What's the best water filtration system?
Daria of London, Ont.

It really depends on what you're trying to filter out — the chlorine taste or contaminants like lead and pesticides. Generally speaking, water filters can improve the overall taste, smell and appearance of drinking water and can remove some chemicals. But it's important to select a water filtration system that suits your water conditions.

To do that, you need to know the problem.

If your drinking water contains lead, you'll need to choose a filter that has been certified to remove lead. Filtration systems normally reduce concentrations rather than removing 100 per cent of the contaminant. Check out the NSF Contamination Guide, which certifies filters based on the particular contaminant.

Now, if you simply want to avoid single-serving bottled water — and there's no reason to believe bottled is better than tap water — consider a carbon filter.

Activated Carbon (AC) filters are most effective in removing organic contaminants from water (often responsible for taste, odour and colour problems).

When water passes through the filter, the carbon particles attract and remove contaminants including dissolved substances such as hydrogen sulphide; heavy metals such as lead, mercury and copper; and chlorine.

There are two types of activated carbon filters. Granular AC (GAC) filters use a cartridge packed with granules of activated carbon to trap chlorine, heavy metals and organic compounds. Solid Block AC filters trap contaminants like pesticides, chlorine, lead and asbestos.

A Solid Block filter mounted on the tap or under the sink will work better than the pitcher types with loose carbon.

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Ajay Virmani, President and CEO of Cargojet. PROVIDED

Precious cargo: CEO transported from hard worker to hotshot

Moving up. Ajay Virmani pulled out all the stops to guarantee his company's success

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Ajay Virmani came to Toronto from India in 1975 with a strong work ethic and a vision.

He washed windows, fixed car mufflers, then sold vacuum cleaners and life insurance.

But he found his true calling when he got into transportation management and quickly turned a struggling air cargo company around. With an opportunity to go out on his own, Virmani didn't think twice.

"I thought, 'I've got enough contacts in business. If I make $150,000 a year, I'll be happy.'"

That was in 1990 and today Cargojet is Canada's air cargo leader doing 200 million a year in sales.

Virmani says the key to being a successful entrepreneur is to never underestimate yourself and to believe in your skills.

"Take risks, be stubborn, dream and have a sense of purpose when you get up in the morning. At one point I had two mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

The final word from the award-winning entrepreneur?

"Ask yourself, are you going to be a follower or a leader?"

Risky business

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Ajay Virmani

Spelling it out

Ajay Virmani's secret to success:

- **S.** Sense of purpose
- **E.** Educate yourself
- **C.** Creative ability with your ideas
- **R.** Responsibility — be accountable
- **E.** Excellence — anything you do, do it well
- **T.** Time management

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"We have tons of money and if we can use our cap space to get high-end free agents, we have a shot to get right back on top."

Detroit head coach Mike Babcock, whose Red Wings were eliminated by the Nashville Predators with a 2-1 loss in Game 5 on Friday.

"This team is too good to be going home right now after five playoff games."

San Jose forward Logan Couture, whose Sharks were eliminated in fives games after a 3-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues on Saturday.

On the web

On Monday night, the Nets will play their last game in New Jersey after 45 years of "misfortune". They will leave East Rutherford and cross the Lincoln Tunnel to set up shop at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to start the next NBA season. Scan the code for the story.

Danny Briere of the Philadelphia Flyers takes the puck and heads up ice from in front of Zybnek Michalek Sunday in Philadelphia. PAUL BERESWILL/GETTY IMAGES

Flyers charge past Pens

NHL. Philadelphia's Claude Giroux caps big series with sixth goal to help eliminate Pittsburgh

Game 6

Flyers	Penguins
5	1

Claude Giroux had his coach call him the best player in the world.

Giroux needed one shift to prove that claim is more than hometown hype.

He flattened Sidney Crosby only five seconds into the game, buried his sixth goal of the series past Marc-Andre Fleury 27 seconds later, and led a Philadelphia Flyers charge into the second round.

Giroux wrapped up a dominant series with a goal and two assists, Ilya Bryzgalov had his first outstanding effort in net and the Flyers beat the 108-point Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Sunday to win their Eastern Conference opening-round series in six games.

"G is a very special player," Bryzgalov said. "There's not very many players like that in the world."

Giroux strapped the Flyers to his 24-year-old back and gave the team an opening shift to remember. In a series where no lead was safe, the Flyers scored the first three goals and made it stand behind stout defence and stellar play out of Bryzgalov.

Bryzgalov allowed 20 goals in the first five games. He settled down in Game 6 and gave up only Evgeni Malkin's goal in the second period.

The Flyers had stormed out to a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series before Pittsburgh won two straight.

Peaceful finish

- The testy series concluded with a peaceful handshake line — and the Flyers having several days of rest to find out their next opponent before the next round begins.

"We needed to play perfect hockey to stay in this series, to win this series, and we didn't get the kind of start we needed today," Crosby said. "We felt like we could get it back to Pittsburgh, and now we have some time to think about why we didn't."

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NHL

Kings finish off Canucks in Game 5

Jarret Stoll scored in overtime as the Los Angeles Kings dumped the Vancouver Canucks out of the playoffs.

Stoll's goal 4:27 into OT gave the Kings a 2-1 win and a 4-1 series victory over a Canucks team expected to compete for the Stanley Cup.

Brad Richardson scored 3:21 into the third period to tie the game while Jonathan Quick did his part in net with 27 saves for L.A.

Henrik Sedin's power-play goal in the first gave Vancouver the lead for much of the game, except when it mattered most.

Cory Schneider made 35 saves for the Canucks.

Vancouver finished the regular season atop the NHL standings.

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NHL

Bruins win in OT to force Game 7

Tyler Seguin scored at 3:17 of overtime, Tim Thomas made 36 saves, and the Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 on Sunday to tie the first-round Eastern Conference playoff series at 3-3.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins never trailed, but needed a stolen pass and a deft bit of skating to finally get the decisive goal and avoid being eliminated by the seventh-seeded Capitals.

In overtime, David Krejci intercepted a pass by Nicklas Backstrom and sent the puck to Milan Lucic, who passed ahead to Seguin. Seguin, who entered the game without a point in the series, veered to his right to drawing Braden Holtby from the net, then lifted a shot to win it.

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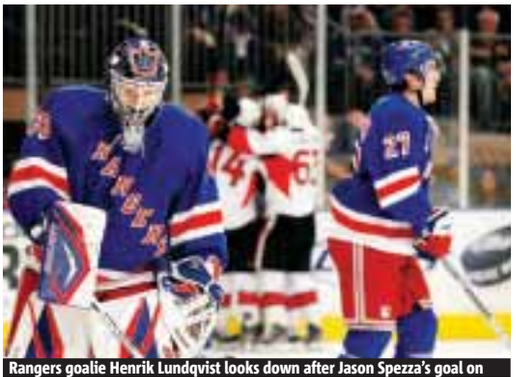
Rangers just want to 'get the next one'



Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist looks down after Jason Spezza's goal on Saturday in New York. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

If you didn't know the top-seeded New York Rangers were one loss away from elimination, the low-key practice before their biggest game of the season wouldn't have given away the dire circumstances.

After their best season in years, the Rangers are trailing the No. 8-seed Ottawa Senators, 3-2 in their first-round series. If New York doesn't win at Scotiabank Place Monday night and capture Game 7 in New York on Thursday, the 51 wins and the first-place finish in the Eastern Conference won't mean a thing.

Adorned on the wall at the Rangers' practice facility is a motivational saying that can be seen on either side of the circular dressing room: "Everyone wants to win ... not everyone is willing to prepare to win."

But New York has been knocked from the first round the last two years John Tortorella led them to the playoffs.

The Rangers, who dropped games 4 and 5, lost three in a row during the regular season only twice — including the first three games they played.

"Whoever is going to win has to win four," Rangers forward Brad Richards said, "and no one has done that yet."

Only 11 players took the ice Sunday in what could have been the Rangers' final practice of the season, and many of them aren't likely to be in the Game 6 lineup Monday in Ottawa. One player who will, is Carl Hagelin — the speedy rookie forward who finished serving a three-game suspension Saturday night when New York lost 2-0 at home.

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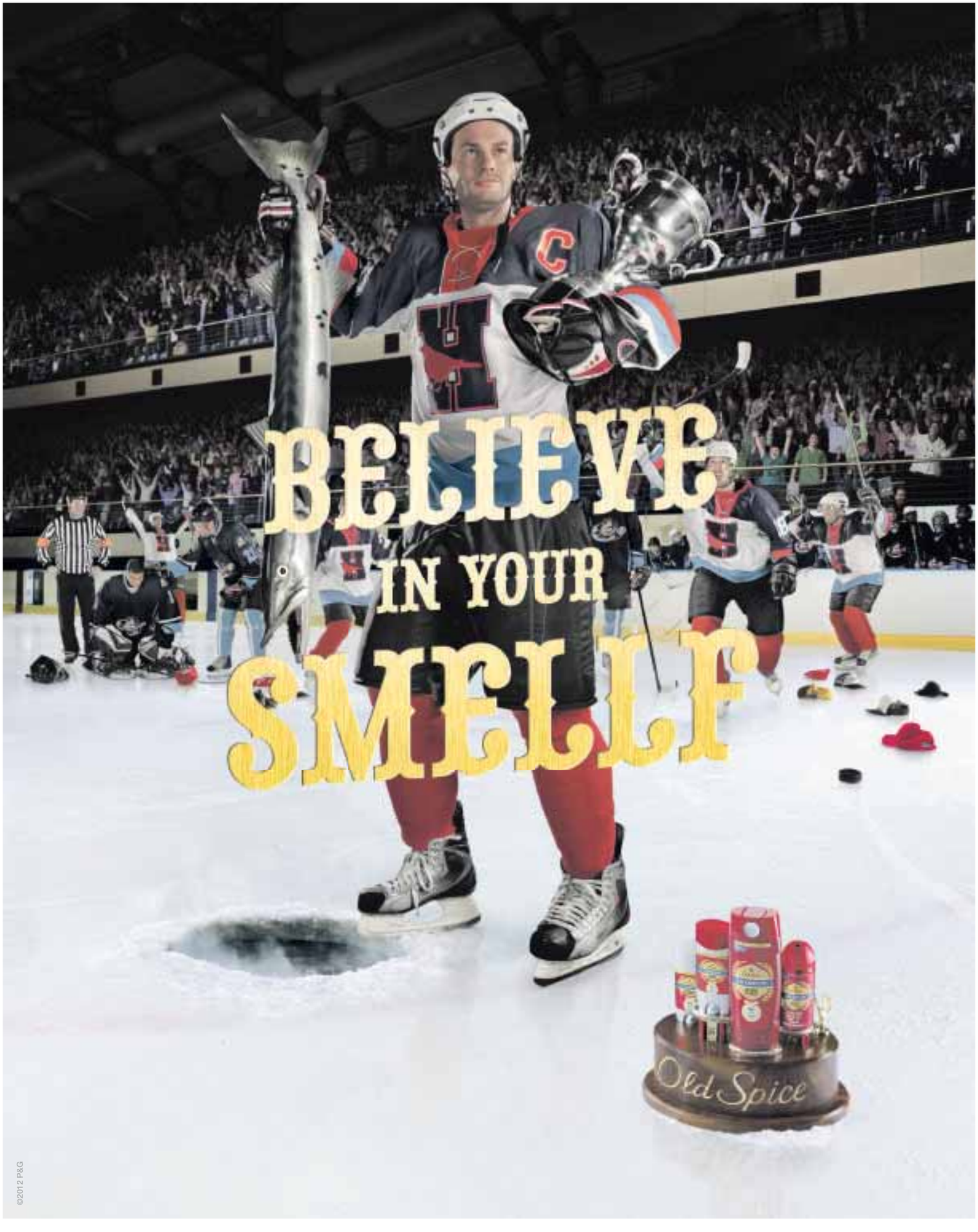
By the numbers

20-22

Of the previous 22 times the Rangers were tied 2-2 in a series, the Game 5 winner advanced 20 times.



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Crossword

Across

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4 PC program
7 Unrefined
12 Inseparable
13 "No seats"
14 Charlie Brown, typically
15 Rd.
16 Star of the show
18 Scepter
19 Poppy derivative
20 Antenna type
22 USN newbie
23 Grit
27 Under the weather
29 Tom Cruise movie
31 Reflection
34 Flora and fauna
35 Astaire/ Rogers film
37 Half a sawbuck
38 Witnesses
39 — -CIO
41 Grand-scale tale
45 Skedaddles
47 Swelled head
48 Hush-hush
52 Jungfrau, e.g.
53 Rigel's constellation
54 Nipper's old co.
55 Country singer David Allan —
56 Pollster's finding
57 Urge
58 Scuttle

Down

1 Enplane
2 Summarizing stanza
3 Gary Cooper role
4 Regarding
5 Drive
6 Visit briefly
7 Untalkative one
8 Jockey Turcotte
9 "Born in the —"
10 Lair
11 History chapter
17 Sculpture of a sort
21 Peak periods
23 Bookbinding piece
24 Past
25 Enthusiast
26 Genetics letters
28 Meadow
30 Kimono closer
31 "Monty Python" opener
32 Larry's pal
33 Gorilla
36 Soft mineral
37 Swindle
40 Staten Island carrier
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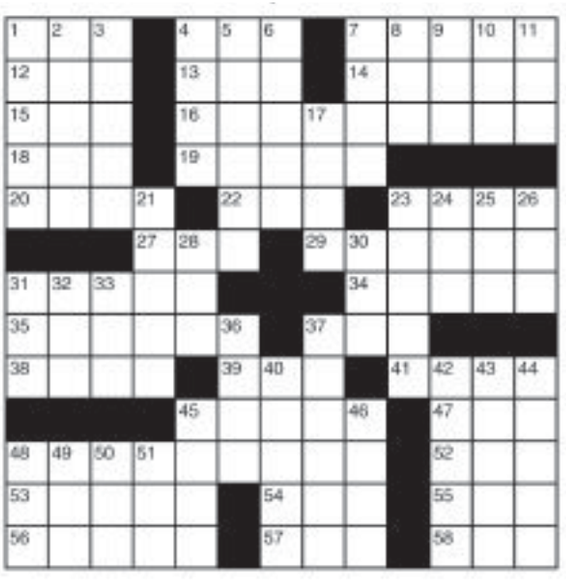

Sudoku

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8	4						1	6
	1		6		7		9	
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

1	5	7	4	3	8	6	9	2
9	2	4	7	6	5	8	1	3
8	6	3	2	9	1	7	4	5
6	7	8	3	1	9	5	2	4
4	3	1	5	2	7	9	6	8
2	9	5	8	4	6	1	3	7
7	1	2	6	5	3	4	8	9
5	4	6	9	8	2	3	7	1
3	8	9	1	7	4	2	5	6

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

EBCCTEUGA PTB NMX PTBI CUQFBIO FMYOG RP M RUA MDMEYMG ROMI, U'X QMDD FNMF M YTXUMY JTJOGF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FINELY CHOP UP SOME AFTER-DINNER CANDIES, ONE COULD SAY THAT YOU MINCE MINTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals D

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. This is a week for getting things done, not fretting needlessly.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Usually you keep your feelings to yourself but over the next few days you will surprise a few people – and maybe yourself – by how easily you open up emotionally.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Enrich yourself and enrich other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Romance is in the air: feel it, breath it, enjoy it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you intend to make major changes this week it will pay you to let partners and loved ones know well in advance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The more confident you are the more people you will attract to your side.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. A family or financial matter that has been causing you concern will disappear off your radar today, never to return.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Your one and only priority today is to have a good time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If your instincts tell you a certain course of action is right then that is what you must do – even if the rest of the world screams "Don't do it!"

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The odds may seem stacked against you at the moment but it's an illusion.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may think that people are talking behind your back, and you may think that someone in authority has got it in for you, but that just shows you think too much.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you are the kind of Pisces who needs to be told that you are loved and appreciated then this will be a wonderful day. Almost everyone in your life wants to be nice to you. Why? Because you deserve it, that's why. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Renee

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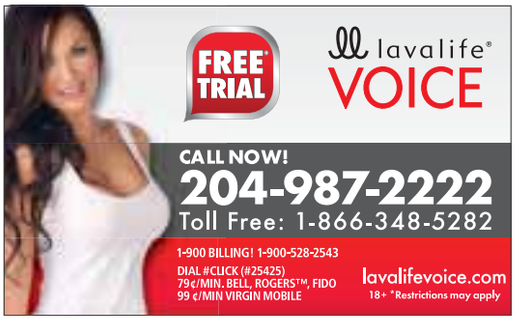

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